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A. ROLE OF UNDP IN U.N. DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

1. AT PRESENT, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE POSITION IN BOLIVIA IS VACANT. ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT A CANDIDATE HAS BEEN NOMINATED, BUT HE IS NOT EXPECTED TO ARRIVE UNTIL JUNE OR JULY, 1975. FORMER RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTED BOLIVIA IN JANUARY, 1975. HIS PERFORMANCE IN PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF UNDP ACTIVITIES AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOB OFFICIALS WERE GOOD--WITH POSSIBLE UNCLASSIFIED

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EXCEPTION OF THOSE OF MINAG. THE ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

HAS BEEN FOLLOWING SAME POLICIES DEVELOPED BY FORMER RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE. HE APPEARS TO BE PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE IN EVALUATION OF EXISTING ACTIVITIES AND IN RESHAPING PROGRAM TO FOCUS ON FEWER ACTIVITIES, CONCENTRATING ON PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED JOINTLY BY GOB AND UNDP. THE BULK OF THESE ACTIVITIES CONSIST OF LARGE SCALE PROJECTS IN KEY SECTORS, MAINLY AGRICULTURE, AND SMALL PROJECTS WHICH COMPLEMENT ASSISTANCE OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES.

2. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, U.N. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND ACTING UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HAVE MAINTAINED GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR MAIN GOB COUNTERPART AGENCY--THE NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (CONEPLAN) WHICH IS CHAIRED BY MINISTRY OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING. THE ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTEDLY HOLDS REGULAR COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION EVERY TWO WEEKS TO DISCUSS ROUTINE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION MATTERS AND A SPECIAL BY-MONTHLY MEETING TO DEAL WITH MAJOR PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL ISSUES.

3. THE U.N. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ACTS AS SUPERVISOR OF IN-COUNTRY PERSONNEL OF WFP, UNICEF, UNESCO, AND FAO. WHO, ON OTHER HAND, HAS A REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA; UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE STATES HE IS KEPT INFORMED ON WHO ACTIVITIES. UNFPA AND UNIDO MAINTAIN COORDINATION WITH UN RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE THROUGH FREQUENT VISITS TO BOLIVIA BY THEIR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES LOCATED IN SANTIAGO, CHILE.

4. PARTICIPATION OF ABOVE MENTIONED AGENCIES IN UNDP'S FIRST COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE, COVERING PERIOD 1972-1976, WAS ON AD-HOC BASIS. HOWEVER, ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE FOR PERIOD 1977-1981, NOW IN THE PRELIMINARY STAGES, WILL BE MORE SYSTEMATIC; AND WILL ACTIVELY INVOLVE ALL U.N. AGENCIES ACTIVE IN BOLIVIA IN ADDITION TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.N. TECHNICAL COOPERATION OFFICE IN NEW YORK. DURING THIS EXERCISE, IBRD IS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, MOSTLY THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE.

5. ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT UNDP'S
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COORDINATION WITH IBRD ACTIVITIES HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE TWO AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN JOINT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THROUGH AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE UNDP FINANCES FEASIBILITY AND PRE-INVESTMENT SURVEYS LEADING TO IBRD LOANS. FOR INSTANCE, THE UNDP FINANCED RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION STUDY WHICH LEAD TO IBRD LOAN FOR \$8.0 MILLION TO NATIONAL RAILWAY AGENCY (ENFE) TO FINANCE EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVE RAILWAY SYSTEM. (FURTHER US\$32 MILLION IBRD LOAN TO

ENFE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED IN 1975.) ALSO, IBRD AND UNDP HAVE AGREED THAT STARTING IN OCTOBER, 1975, IBRD LOANS RESULTING FROM UNDP FINANCED PRE-INVESTMENT STUDIES WILL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMPONENT TO ASSURE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF RELATED LOCAL CAPABILITY.

B. COORDINATION OF EXTERNAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. GOB HAS ASSIGNED COORDINATION RESPONSIBILITY TO THREE AGENCIES: NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL, AN INTERMINISTERIAL MECHANISM CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION (FOR OVERALL PLANNING); NATIONAL PRE-INVESTMENT INSTITUTE (INALPRE) CREATED IN OCTOBER, 1974 (FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT PREPARATION MAINLY FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE) AND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EXTERNAL FINANCING (INDEF), AN AGENCY OF MINISTRY OF FINANCE (FOR OBTAINING OR CLEARING ON FOREIGN FINANCING FOR PROJECTS MAINLY OF CAPITAL NATURE). HOWEVER, GOB COORDINATION OF TOTAL EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS IS CONSIDERED STILL WEAK AS TO-DATE THE GOB HAS NOT ESTABLISHED A SYSTEM FOR PERIODIC COORDINATING MEETINGS BETWEEN ABOVE GOB AGENCIES AND VARIOUS EXTERNAL DONORS.

2. COORDINATION AMONG EXTERNAL DONORS, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN SATISFACTORY. IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT THROUGH PERIODIC MEETINGS DURING WHICH EACH AGENCY HEAD BRIEFS OTHER PARTICIPANTS ON HIS AGENCY'S PROGRAMS, PLANS AND IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS, AND THROUGH PERIODIC MEETINGS OF TECHNICAL ADVISORS FROM KEY ASSISTANCE AGENCIES TO THE VARIOUS SECTORS. FURTHERMORE, SOME JOINT DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS AND PROGRAMS IS BEGINNING TO TAKE PLACE. FOR INSTANCE, UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN WILLING TO COOPERATE IN CONCERT WITH OTHER DONORS IN AREA OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION; AND UNDP AND USAID HAVE REACHED UNDERSTANDING REGARDING GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FUTURE AGRICULTURE

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3. THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN COOPERATIVE IN COORDINATION EFFORTS, BUT HAS NOT YET ASSUMED AN EFFECTIVE KEY ROLE ON THEM.

C. ROLE OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE VIS-A-VIS OTHER U.N. SYSTEM ACTIVITIES.

1. THE U.N. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE CAN COMMAND THE SERVICES OF TECHNICIANS OF VARIOUS U.N. ORGANIZATIONS STATIONED IN BOLIVIA TO ASSIST GOB IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. HE HAS ACCESS TO U.N. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND, AND CAN PROVIDE UP TO \$20,000 AS INITIAL ASSISTANCE WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION FROM U.N. HEADQUARTERS. DISASTER RELIEF SITUATIONS IN BOLIVIA HAVE NOT BEEN TOO SERIOUS DURING THE LAST YEAR; AND ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT THIS FUND HAS BEEN, TOGETHER WITH PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ADEQUATE TO RESPOND TO GOB REQUESTS. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY REQUIRING MAJOR EFFORT, ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED THROUGH U.N. PROGRAM RESERVE ACTIVITY WHICH REQUIRES UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVAL FROM UN HEADQUARTERS; HOWEVER, THERE HAS NOT BEEN NEED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE YET.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REFUGEE PROBLEMS HERE.

D. COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEWS

1. THE FIRST COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN 1973. THE

COUNTRY PROGRAM COVERING THE PERIOD 1972-1976 WAS APPROVED IN JUNE 1973. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PARTICIPATION OF OTHER U.N. AGENCIES IN THIS PROCESS WAS MINIMAL AND ON AD-HOC BASIS AS MOST PROGRAMS HAD BEEN APPROVED AND WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY. HOWEVER, ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAM REVIEW IS IN ITS INITIAL STAGES AND THAT ALL UN AGENCIES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION. THOSE U.N. AGENCIES WHICH ONLY KEEP TECHNICIANS IN BOLIVIA (WFP, UNICEF, UNESCO, FAO) WILL BE EXPECTED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES FROM NEW YORK OR FROM REGIONAL OFFICES IN LATIN AMERICA. FOR EXAMPLE, U.N. OFFICE OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN NEW YORK, UNIDO IN CHILE, AND UNICEF OFFICE IN LIMA ARE EXPECTED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS UN EXPERTS IN BOLIVIA WILL PARTICIPATE IN RELEVANT PARTS OF REVIEW. GOB OFFICIALS, MAINLY FROM CONEPLAN, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL COUNTERPARTS FROM VARIOUS OPERATING MINISTRIES WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PARTICIPATION IN EXERCISE BY OTHER MULTILATERAL AGENCIES, E.G. THE IDB AND THE WORLD BANK, WILL BE SOUGHT BUT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE SIGNIFICANT.

2. DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1974 UNDP/MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND COORDINATION REPRESENTATIVES, U.N. EXPERTS AND GOB COUNTERPART TECHNICIANS UNDERTOOK BROAD PROGRAM REVIEW EXERCISE TO: (A) ANALYZE RELEVANCY OF UNDP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN RELATION TO 1974-1975 NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN; (B) ASSESS IMPACT AND RELEVANCY OF UNDP ON-GOING ACTIVITIES; (C) PROGRAM NEW DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES; (D) EXAMINE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UNDP AND OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL AGENCIES; AND (E) DEFINE POLICIES AND PLANS FOR 1977-1981 COUNTRY PROGRAMMING PERIOD. REPORTEDLY, SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING DECISIONS WERE MADE AS RESULT OF THIS EXERCISE, INCLUDING EXTENSION AND REDESIGNING OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM

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ANIMAL HEALTH AND ABAPO-IZOZOG PROJECTS, PROVISION OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT NATIONAL CENSUS, ASSIGNMENT OF INCREASED UNDP RESOURCES TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR (ABOUT 50 PER-CENT OF TOTAL), AND GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF PROGRAMS.

E. APPRAISAL OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

1. WE HAVE REACHED INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION OF PROGRAM PROPOSALS DURING EARLY STAGES OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT. THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IS SENDING US, FOR COMMENT, PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR UNDP FUNDING. HOWEVER, SINCE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR UNDP PROGRAM HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED WHEN THESE REGULAR MEETINGS BEGAN, USAID DID NOT PARTICIPATE NOR INFLUENCE SIGNIFICANTLY THE RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS WITHIN THE UNDP PROGRAM FOR PERIOD 1972-1976. OUR "INFORMAL" PARTICIPATION

IN SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISE FOR PROGRAMS COVERING PERIOD 1977-1981 IS EXPECTED TO BE MORE SIGNIFICANT.

2. ON OUR SIDE, WE ARE PROVIDING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE COPIES OF DRAFT PROJECT AGREEMENTS, PROPS, IRRS, AND CAPS TO ASSURE FULLEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TIMELY, DETAILED, PROJECT-BY-PROJECT CONSULTATIONS. DURING PREPARATION OF THREE SECTOR ASSESSMENTS IN AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, AND HEALTH OUR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ALSO HELD FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH UNDP OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS REGARDING UNDP PROGRAMS.

F. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. PRESENTLY, MOST ACTIVE PROJECTS ARE CONSIDERED BY USAID TECHNICIANS AND UNDP ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO BE ACHIEVING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS. HOWEVER, SOME OF THESE PROJECTS, AND GENERALLY ALL THE CANCELLED PROJECTS, HAVE EXPERIENCED COMMON DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS: (A) PERSONNEL-DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING IN TIMELY FASHION QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS AS WELL AS IN RETAINING QUALIFIED BOLIVIAN COUNTERPARTS. FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECT NO. BOL 69/516 (ABAPO-IZOZOG) HAS EXPERIENCED HIGH BOLIVIAN PERSONNEL TURNOVER RATE A(ABOUT 33 PER-CENT IN 1973) DUE TO LOCATION OF PROJECT IN AREAS WHERE LIVING CONDITIONS ARE DIFFICULT. ALSO, ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT (BOL 73/012) HAS REPEATEDLY EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES AND IS BEHIND SCHEDULE UNCLASSIFIED

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DUE TO LACK OF LOCAL CAPABILITY TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN ERADICATING INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN PROJECT AREA (THIS REDESIGNED PROJECT SUCCEEDED PROJECT NO. BOL 68/519); (B) INCENTIVES: OFTEN LOCAL SALARIES ARE NOT ATTRACTIVE ENOUGH TO RETAIN MOST QUALIFIED BOLIVIAN COUNTERPARTS; (C) LACK OF GOB COMMITMENTS TO PROJECT: SOME PROJECTS EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE GOB IS NOT INTERESTED IN PROJECT AND THEREFORE NOT WILLING TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE ITS PURPOSE. AN EXAMPLE IS ADMINISTRATIVE

REFORM PROJECT WHICH WAS TERMINATED AHEAD OF ORIGINAL COMPLETION

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DATE BECUASE THERE WAS LACK OF GOB COMMITMENT TO UNDERTAKE
NEEDED REFORMS. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING NECESSARY
ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, HOWEVER, WHICH AFFECT IMPLEMENTATION
OF OTHER PROJECTS, UNDP IS NOW BEGINNING ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM
PROJECT WITH EMPHASIS ON KEY GOB MINISTRIES (MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, CONEPLAN), AS WELL AS ON THE INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION (ISAP); (D) COUNTERPART FUNDING:--BOLIVIAN COUNTER-
PARTS HAVE BEEN CONSTRAINED BY DELAYS OR LACK OF OPERATIONAL FUNDS.
MOSTLY TO COVER TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION.

2. THE ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE CONSIDERES PARTICULARLY
SUCCESSFUL THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTITUTE (BOLIVIA
71/518) WHICH WAS APPROVED IN JANUARY, 1974. ALTHOUGH SOME
DIFFICULTIES WERE ENCOUNTERED IN EARLY STAGES PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT, MOSTLY PERTAINING TO RECRUITMENT OF EXPERTS, PROJECT
IS PROGRESSING AT HIGHLY SATISFACTORY PACE. IN THIS CONNECTION;
GOB IS FULFILLING ITS COMMITMENTS AS AGREED AND ON SCHEDULE.
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GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION PROJECT IN COCHABAMBA (BOL 73/08) IS
ALSO CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL. BESIDES WATER
EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES, PROJECT HAS BEEN REDESIGNED TO INCLUDE
CREATION OF WATER RESOURCES DIRECTORATE WITHIN BOLIVIAN
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (GEOBOL) TO INSTITUTIONALIZE PROJECT ACTIVITIES.
ACCORDING TO ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE GOB IS FULFILLING

ITS COMMITMENTS AND PROJECT IS ON SCHEDULE.

3. AT LEAST FOUR PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY WEAK DUE TO LACK OF PROGRESS RESULTING FROM COMBINATION OF FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE. THREE OF THESE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND/OR REDESIGNED. EXAMPLES OF WEAK PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN TERMINATED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE IN RECENT YEARS INCLUDE: ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROJECT, FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, AND EDUCATIONAL PLANNING PROJECT. ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT (BOL 68/519) AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED WAS CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF GOB FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND HIGH TURNOVER OF BOLIVIAN COUNTERPARTS. UNDP, HOWEVER, HAS DEVELOPED NEW ANIMAL HEALTH PROJECT (BOL 73/012) WHICH WAS INITIATED IN FEBRUARY, 1974 FOR PERIOD OF 35 MONTHS, MOSTLY TO PREPARE GROUNDWORK FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF LARGE SCALE LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH WOULD BE FINANCED BY GOB AND INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

4. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HOUSING AND ALLOWANCES OF UNDP EXPERTS HAVE NOT AFFECTED ADVERSELY RATE OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

G. PROJECT EVALUATION

ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS THAT EACH PROJECT IS EVALUATED ANNUALLY AND IN CASE OF PROJECTS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES EVERY SIX MONTHS. THESE EVALUATIONS ARE CONDUCTED WITH PARTICIPATION OF APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM: NATIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (CONEPLAN), U.N. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY, AND UNDP. WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN COMPLETE EVALUATION OF A PROJECT. HOWEVER, UNDP PRODUCED IN NOVEMBER, 1974 A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 1972-1976" WHICH ACCORDING TO ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE WAS THE RESULT OF TRIPARTITE EVALUATION OF EACH

UNDP ACTIVITY IN WHICH GOB (THROUGH CONEPLAN), U.N. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY AND UNDP PARTICIPATED. THIS REPORT IS COMPREHENSIVE SINCE IT INCLUDES DESCRIPTIONS OF ALL UNDP ACTIVITIES IN BOLIVIA;
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HOWEVER, IT LACKS TRUE EVALUATIVE DISCUSSIONS OF PROJECTS.

H. WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT

THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH U.N. DIRECTIVE REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN PROJECT EXECUTION AND IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. HOWEVER, HE ADMITS THAT TO DATE EXISTING PROJECTS DO NOT CONSCIOUSLY REFLECT THIS DIRECTIVE. HE ALSO REPORTS THAT HE IS EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLYING WITH DIRECTIVE IN VIEW OF NATURE EXISTING PROJECTS. ASSIGNMENT OF EXPERT TO REVIEW EXISTING/PROPOSED PROJECTS AND DETERMINE WAYS TO RESPOND TO DIRECTIVE MAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS CONNECTION.

I. FOLLOW-UP WITH UNDP AND EXECUTING AGENCIES

1. U.S. MISSIONS SHOULD FOLLOW-UP WITH RELEVANT U.N. AGENCIES ON FOLLOWING MATTERS:

(A) GOB HAS REQUESTED INTERNATIONAL DONOR ASSISTANCE TO CARRY OUT NATIONAL CENSUS STARTING IN CY 1975. WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNDP IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE ABOUT \$1.5 MILLION TO ASSIST FINANCING THIS ACTIVITY. U.N. SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO SUPPORT CENSUS TO FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO ACQUIRE INFO HELPFUL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

(B) UNFPA SHOULD ACCELERATE PROCESS OF PROVIDING FAMILY PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICES, RELATED COMMODITIES AND TRAINING, ESPECIALLY TO FIVE GOB FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS WHICH ARE EXPECTED START OPERATION IN LATE CY 1975. PROVISION THIS ASSISTANCE BY UNFPA IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT SINCE USAID NOT PROVIDING CONTRACEPTIVE COMMODITIES AND CURRENT USAID FAMILY CARE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE IN FY 1977.

(C) UNDP HAS APPROVED EXTENSION ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PROJECT (BOL 69/008) TO PROVIDE SIX TECHNICIANS TO WORK WITH CONEPLAN, THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN AREAS OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, SECTORAL PLANNING AND IN PREPARING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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PLAN.

IN VIEW OF EFFECTS THIS PROJECT MAY HAVE IN IMPROVING GOB CAPABILITY TO UTILIZE MORE EFFECTIVELY ITS OWN RESOURCES AND IN MAXIMIZING BENEFITS OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE, RECRUITMENT OF QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS SHOULD BE EXPEDITED.

(D) WFP IS PROVIDING FOOD ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA FOR FOOD-FOR-WORK TYPE PROJECTS WHILE USAID IS PROVIDING PL 480, TITLE II COMMODITIES TO THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE (NCDS) FOR SIMILAR PROJECTS. HOWEVER, LATTER ASSISTANCE IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE IN FY 1976; AND IN VIEW NCDS' PROVEN EFFECTIVENESS IN REACHING POOREST SEGMENTS RURAL POPULATION THROUGH ITS PROGRAMS, WE SUGGEST WFP BE ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE SIMILAR ASSISTANCE TO NCDS TO CONTINUE ITS FFW PROGRAM AFTER TERMINATION USAID PL 480, TITLE II INPUTS. STEDMAN

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